

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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Last Friday, November 22, 1963, I reported for work at 10:00 AM. My partner, C. W. Thority, was on a day off, and I was working alone. At approximately 11:00 AM, Det. J. B. Leavelle and myself started looking for a colored male that was wanted for armed robbery by this Bureau. At 12:15 PM, we arrested this subject at 2421 Ellis Street and brought him to the Homicide Office for booking. While Det. Leavelle and myself were booking this prisoner, we heard the police radio announce that the President had been shot and was enroute to Parkland Hospital. Det. Leavelle and I placed this prisoner in jail and proceeded to the location of the shooting at Elm and Houston. When we arrived at the location, we found that the Book Depository was sealed off for search. Det. Leavelle went in one direction, and I went to the rear of the building and entered. I saw several officers and proceeded to the sixth floor. I contacted Capt. Fritz. Capt. Fritz advised me and Det. B. L. Senkel, who was already there, to bring the employees of this building to the Homicide Office and get affidavits from them. Det. Senkel and I brought three of these employees to the office, and I took an affidavit from a William H. Shelley, w/m/37, of 126 South Tatum Street, FE 7-1969. While I was taking this affidavit from Mr. Shelley, a group of officers brought a Lee Harvey Oswald in, and these officers stated that he was the one that shot officer J. P. Timpit. Mr. Shelley saw this Oswald, and told me that he was one of his employees at the book store. After I took the affidavit from Mr. Shelley in regards to his whereabouts and action after the shooting, I took a second one from him relating to the employment and job supervision of Oswald. Det. Senkel took an affidavit from a